

Winners of 1999 Artist-Craftsman and Photography Contest announced

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The Charleston AFB Skills Development Center hosted the local levels of the 1999 Artist-Craftsman and Photography Contest Sept. 19-25.

More than 70 Artist-Craftsman entries and 37 photos were received this year. Judging was accomplished by two professors from Trident Technical College and a local artist, all professionals in their field. Craftsman entries were judged on freshness of approach, technical skill, composition, artistic impact and level of complexity.

The photos were judged for photographic impact, freshness of approach, story telling, technical skill, size and quality. Winners and runners-up were presented with medallion gift sets and Services coupon packs.

All winning entries will be forwarded to Air Mobility Command for judging during the next level of competition in January. Command winners are sent to the Air Force level later in the year. These contests are annual events for the Skills program and are open to valid Department of Defense identification cardholders.

Contest Winners

Adult Category I Fine Art

Winner: Audrey Murphy
(TIE)Runner-up: Lauri Newkirk-Paggi
(TIE)Runner-up: Suzanne Price
Honorable Mention: James Michael Howard
Honorable Mention: Michael Neff

Adult Cat. II Textile Art

Winner: Michele Hawes
Runner-up: Bobbie J. Griggs

Adult Cat. III Industrial Art

Winner: Brian M. Welch
(TIE) Runner-up: Hugh J. J. Verhoef

(TIE) Runner-up: Daniel W. Morey
Honorable Mention: George J. Drury

Adult Cat. IV Multicrafts/Pattern Art

Winner: Malissa J. Ward
(TIE) Runner-up: John Polito
(TIE) Runner-up: Tracy S. Morey
Honorable Mention: Sharon M. Sullivan
Honorable Mention: Tina Mossow

Youth Cat. 1 Fine Arts

Winner: Amanda L. Good
Runner-up: Shannon Massey
Honorable Mention: Brittani K. Massey
Honorable Mention: Mary Britton-Schaefer
Honorable Mention: Heather B. Rawson

Youth Cat. IV Multicrafts/Pattern Art

Winner: Brian Guillotte
Runner-up: Jeff Guillotte

Photography Winners

Monochrome Prints Adult Cat. C Nature/Scenic

Winner: James R. Carlsen

Color Prints Adult Cat. A Military Life

Winner: Richard T. Kaminsky
Runner-up: Richard T. Kaminsky

Color Prints Adult Cat. B People

Winner: Ron Bain
Runner-up: Michele M. Hawes

Color Prints Adult Cat. C Nature/Scenic

Winner: Richard T. Kaminsky
(TIE) Runner-up: Joseph D. Knight, Jr.
(TIE) Runner-up: James Michael Howard

Computer Imaging/Enhancement

Winner: Richard T. Kaminsky

Domestic Violence Awareness Month observed

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Each year the Air Force community, along with the civilian community, observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you read the local newspaper, the topic of domestic violence is never far away from your thoughts. It seems as if there is a new story every week about a local family experiencing an incident of serious injury or death perpetrated by a family member.

However, incidents of domestic violence don't just happen away from Charleston Air Force Base. The base Family Advocacy Program reports that authorities have substantiated 226 cases of spouse abuse among Air Force families over the past four years. That's an average of 57 incidents of identified spouse abuse per year, almost 5 new cases a month.

It's everyone's job to promote the safety of our Air Force families. Active duty members and civilian employees of the Air Force are required, by AFI 40-301, to report incidents of suspected family maltreatment to the Family Advocacy Officer. Beyond that, each of us has a moral obligation to help someone get to safety when we become aware of their abuse.

The Family Advocacy Program has professional staff members to assist families who suffer from such abuse. Its staff is committed to teaching couples life skills for successfully coping with the frustrations of family life, without endangering the health of themselves and their children.

If you, or someone you know, needs help with this problem call the Family Advocacy Office at 963-6972 for assistance.